to solve the problems faced by the Tehri Dam oustees after their resettlement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Package for Handlooms

605. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have annaunced package of Rs. 1162 crores for handlooms;

(b) whether it is also a fact that under the package a sum of Rs. 523 crores has been earmarked for providing looms to about 3.27 lakh loom weavers;

(c) whether it is also a fact that at present 2.79 lakh looms are lying idle;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether any efforts are proposed to be made for rehabilitation of these loom weavers and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) Government has announced two major packages during the current year for handloom sector. The first package intends to cover larger number of handloom weavers under the ongoing schemes of Ministry of Rural Development, the outlay for which is Rs. 682.65 crores over the next three years. The other scheme relates to setting up of 3000 Handloom Development Centres over the next four years; the total outlay for this is Rs. 849.15 crores, of which the Central Govt. grant component is Rs. 321.325 crores.

(b) Yes Sir. Under the Integrated Rural Development Programme an amount of Rs. 523.20 crores has been envisaged for the purpose of providing looms and other inputs to 3.27 lakh loomless weavers.

(c) According to one estimate there are about 2.79 lakhs handloms which are idle.

(d) While the survey did not record the reasons of idleness of these looms, idleness in handlooms is generally due to lack of linkage of the weaver with handloom agencies or master-weavers, and mis-match of prices of raw materials and finished goods. A substantial no. of the idle looms are domestic looms, and not commercial looms.

(e) Schemes like setting up of Handloom Development Centre, Project package, Margin Money for Destitute Weavers and Market Development Assistance are intended to increase employment of underemployed weavers.

Allocation of quota in the new policy on textiles and readymade garment exports

606. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under the new textile and readymade garment exports policy quota will be allocated in consideration of previous year performance;

(b) what is the number of new textile and readymade garment export oriented units which are being set up; and